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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARAFAT'S TRIP TO US

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1. BECAUSE ACTION COPY REFTL NOT SENT BY S/S TEAM DEPLOYED TO CAIRO FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO EMBASSY, AS ITS CONTENTS CLEARLY DICTATE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE CASE, SINGLE INFORMATION COPY WHICH WAS LEFT WITH US NOT NOTICED UNTIL TODAY.

2. SINCE FAHMY IS MEETING VISITING JAPANESE FONMIN, AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH FAHMY'S PRINCIPAL AIDES, OMAR SIRRI AND USAMA AL-BAZ. LATTER HAS RESPONSIBILITY IN FAHMY'S OFFICE FOR CONTACTS WITH THE PLO.

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SIRRI AND AL-BAZ BOTH OPINED USG RESPONSE IS UNEXCEPTIONAL.

AL-BAZ TOOK COMPREHENSIVE NOTES ON SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. HE SAID FAHMY WILL MEET LATER TODAY WITH SAID KAMAL AND THAT THE LATTER LEAVES TOMORROW FOR BEIRUT TO CONSULT WITH ARAFAT. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL AND NEEDED INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED EITHER THROUGH SAID KAMAL OR THROUGH A KIND OF "HOT-LINE" WHICH FAHMY APPARENTLY HAS TO ARAFAT IN BEIRUT. AL-BAZ THOUGHT IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE SOMETIME TOMORROW NOV 8. HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT ARAFAT'S ADVANCE SECURITY TEAM WOULD PROBABLY PLAN TO LEAVE FROM BEIRUT. AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM VISAS, ONCE AUTHORIZED, COULD BE OBTAINED THERE AND THAT AMEMBASSIES BEIRUT, DAMASCUS AND USUN INFORMED OF THESE EXCHANGES.

3. ACCORDING SIRRI AND AL-BAZ, ARAFAT'S PRESENT TENTATIVE TRAVEL PLANS CALL FOR DEPARTURE FROM BEIRUT ON MONDAY, NOV 11, OVERNIGHT IN LONDON AND PROCEED TO NY ON TUESDAY, NOV 12. THESE PLANS ARE OF COURSE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING UPON MOVEMENT OF ADVANCE SECURITY TEAM AND THEIR REPORT TO HIM IN EITHER BEIRUT OR LONDON.

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